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Once more the year rolls around to the time when the Nation and the States will join in bringing to the National 4-H club camp at Washington, D.C., the two boy and two girl club members from each State who have been most successful in their 4-H projects. From practically every State in the Union they will come - these farm young people who have made noteworthy achievements. Their 4-H efforts have been productive - not only in money but in character and in health building. Furthermore, they have been instrumental in teaching others the things they have themselves learned through 4-H club work. The stories of their 4-H activities show what is behind the winning of a trip to the National 4-H club camp.

For instance take the story of one of the Oklahoma club boys, J. D. Hays, who hails from Mayfield. J. D., as he is called by his friends, is now on his seventh year in club work. He lives on a rolling blow-sand upland farm of much less than average fertility. But this handicap has been just a challenge for J. D. He says:

"My first year's club work was devoted to raising milo maize, kafir corn, and hegaria. Through following instructions in selection of seed, preparation of seed bed and tillage I produced 6,800 pounds of milo maize, 6,480 pounds of kafir corn, and 6,242 pounds of hegaria on the one-acre project plots. Since one ton per acre is considered a good yield for any of these grain sorghums in this locality, I felt elated at these results."

J. D. has continued his grain sorghum work each year since then. His exhibits have placed first in county and State shows, and in 1929 placed first at the International Hay and Grain Show at Chicago. In 1931, he produced 116,457 pounds of pure grain sorghum seed at a total net profit of \$472.65. This won a \$500 scholarship for outstanding achievement in grain sorghum work. He added corn and cotton to his projects in 1928 and in 1930 he began dairying and poultry raising.

Then here is Mark Mantik's record from Thurston County, Washington. Mark started his club work on part of the family garden plot, eight years ago, and now cultivates an acre and a half besides looking after a good sized dairy project. He started Bermuda onion growing in his county and has produced onions that weighed a pound and a half. He crossbred sweet corn, producing an improved variety 10 days earlier than the parent varieties. His records show a return of \$1,441 from his seven years' work after deducting \$358 actual expenses.

Perhaps you are wondering what kind of records the club girls have made. That of Mary Cupp will give you a good idea. Mary comes from Augusta County, Virginia. In her seven years of club work she has learned to make her own clothing, to manage the home, and garden, and to can. She has located and built up a steady market for her products and is now gardening, canning and baking to earn money for further education and to finance her club work in home improvement.

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Marion Taylor, from Essex County, New Jersey, says she has made many of her own dresses and more than thirty hats for herself and her friends, has been able to help with the canning and jelly making in her home, through her club training.

I wish I could tell you about each of the club members selected to represent the States at the National Club Camp this year. It has been a hard task to select them from among the many thousands of 4-H Club members in each State of outstanding merit and achievement.

Behind the winning of this trip there is in each instance a worth while story of initiative and resourcefulness; of intelligent and persistent effort through several years of 4-H club work; and finally of unusual achievements accomplished in their chosen lines of work.

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